



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Symons, J., et al.

Serial No.: 09/971,857

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For: A METHOD FOR  
DESCRIBING AND COMPARING  
DATA CENTER PHYSICAL AND  
LOGICAL TOPOLOGIES AND  
DEVICE CONFIGURATIONS

Examiner: Divecha, K. B.

Art Unit: 2151

Commissioner for Patents  
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Preliminary Amendment and Response Accompanying the Present Request for Continuing  
Examination (RCE)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, in conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.